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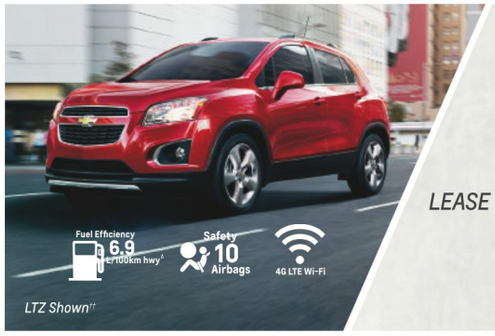

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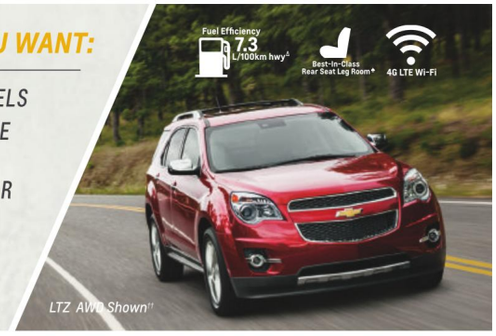

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Metro compares Toronto's current deep freeze to a meat locker, a morgue and the moon. Page 10

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Despite the Leafs' struggles year after year, Silvana Giovannetti, second from left, is a diehard fan. Seen here with, from left, her daughter Sara, husband Ed and daughter Erika in the "Leafs shrine," filled with memorabilia she has collected over the years, Giovannetti says devotion to the Leafs is part of her birthright. See story, page 26.

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Youth seeking more mental health care

Services. Stats show stigma fading, but young people dealing with more issues than ever

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More Ontario young people are seeking help from community mental health clinics, says Children's Mental Health Ontario president and CEO Kim Moran, with an average of 10 per cent more coming in each year over the past three.

That statistic tells two sides of ongoing efforts to improve mental health.

It's proof, in part, that efforts to reduce the stigma are working, said Moran. And that's a positive sign for the future.

"It means they will have a much more productive life, instead of ending up in social assistance systems," Moran said.

It's also another reminder of the pressures young people are facing today: Studies show at least 10 per cent of high school students in the province have considered suicide, Moran said.

Additionally, increased access to information in a world driven by social media is a recipe for exploitation and cyberbullying, said David O'Brien, clinical services supervisor at East Metro Youth Services. That often leads to more anxiety, stress and depression.

And if young people themselves aren't stressed, there's a good chance their parents are, O'Brien said. Many are struggling to stay afloat in the harsh economy.

Simply put: "The youth are dealing with more issues today than ever before," O'Brien said.

The Scarborough walk-in clinic O'Brien oversees handled about 15 clients a week when it opened in 2011. A record 1,400 young people were served last year, and hours were recently extended to Saturdays.

Quoted

"Mental health issues don't really stop on Fridays."

David O'Brien, clinical services supervisor at East Metro Youth Services

The clinic is designed to give youth the chance to talk about problems before they become too complex to manage.

In some cases, O'Brien said, such places are "better equipped" to help than hospitals.

"We are taking away the barriers," he said. "Young people come in and have a chance to talk about important things on their mind, whether it's sports, school challenges or family issues."

Those in need of longer-term counselling can spend up to a year waiting for help, which Moran said is "totally unacceptable."

"For a kid looking for consistent help, these issues need to be dealt with a lot sooner."

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Funding

Toronto gets $22.5M for ice-storm relief

After more than a year, Toronto and other municipalities crippled by the 2013 ice storm are finally seeing some provincial relief flow.

Interim payments are starting to trickle in to 49 municipalities, including Toronto, which has been offered $22.5 million, or about 35 per cent of the $64.2 million originally requested.

"I expect to get 100 per cent of the claim we put in. We followed the outline (of the application) and we certainly expect to get it all back," Mike St. Amant, acting City of Toronto treasurer, told Torstar News Service Tuesday.

Municipal Affairs Minister Ted McMeekin indicated that Toronto could receive more as the city's application is further reviewed.

"As a show of good faith, municipalities and conservation authorities that applied and qualified ... we have extended an interim payment to all of them," McMeekin said. The final bill to the province should be about $160 million — less than the original estimate of $190 million to cover ice-storm damage.

Three municipalities have already received full or nearly full payment: Centre Wellington Township received $297,000, Mapleton Township $23,000 and Puslinch Township $44,000

McMeekin said the financial support had to be related directly to the ice storm, "monies that had to be spent to clean up."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sarah Bermingham has been living alone in the west end since having some bad luck with a roommate. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

A roommate mixer to find 'the one'

Housing. Toronto renters look for a match at evening event

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While some people spend years looking for that special someone to spend their life with, others just need someone to live with.

The great roommate hunt is nobody's favourite task, but Sarah Bermingham thinks she's found the perfect way to make matches made in heaven: The Toronto Roommate Mixer.

Part networking, part night out, the mixer is designed to connect people who are looking for a place to live with people who are offering a place for rent in Toronto.

Bermingham was inspired to launch the mixers after moving back to Toronto from London, England, and having a hard time finding a roommate.

"You're rushed through these open houses when you can only talk to someone for a couple of minutes, and maybe it's with a whole bunch of other people," she said.

She knew of similar matchmaking events in other cities and decided it would be a perfect fit for Toronto.

Upcoming

The next Toronto Roommate Mixer runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at Hemingway's (142 Cumberland St.).

Since the concept was launched in October, about 30 people have showed up to the mixers. Most are young professionals aged 24 to 35, Bermingham said.

The crowd is roughly half and half — people looking for rooms and people looking for roommates — and "anecdotally there have been some matches," she added.

"It's often people new to the city, or new to Canada, who don't have a network for finding roommates," she said.

Others are even further down on their luck.

"Sometimes it's people who've broken up with boyfriends or girlfriends," Bermingham added.

Juan Chacon, a student at George Brown College who moved from Colombia two months ago, had been having trouble finding somewhere to live near his school when he wound up at last month's mixer with a friend.

"I had the opportunity to have chats with 15 people," he said. Through the event, his friend found a place to stay. Chacon is hoping for that kind of luck at the next event this Thursday.

The nights have a casual vibe where people mingle — there are no organized speed-dating-like games. It's also a safer way to meet strangers than at their apartments, Bermingham said.

She's hoping to do a survey soon to find out how much success roommate hunters are having and is getting ready to launch a site called Apartmate.ca. Similar to another Toronto startup, R3NTR, the site's looking to build an online community for renters and roommates.

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City planner's contract permits paid speeches

Jennifer Keesmaat TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Negotiation. Jennifer Keesmaat says her four paid appearances in two years did not conflict with her official duties

City of Toronto chief planner Jennifer Keesmaat says she has been paid to give a small percentage of her many speeches and will not reveal the identities of those clients or how much they paid her.

Keesmaat confirmed Tuesday that, when the city hired her away from a busy consulting practice in 2012, she negotiated a contract clause allowing her to continue making paid appearances, including speeches and panel discussions.

The high-profile advocate of walkability and urban density, who is helping shape Toronto's building boom and overseeing a controversial hike in development fees, says she had 66 speaking engagements in 2013 and 61 in 2014.

All were unpaid except for three in 2013 and one in 2014, said Keesmaat, adding the four paid gigs were on her holiday or weekend time and in no way conflict with her official city duties. The clients were "not for profit" organizations vetted beforehand by a deputy city manager, she said.

When asked to name the clients and reveal how much they paid her, Keesmaat said: "No, I won't comment on that." While acknowledging she is described by the agency Speakers' Spotlight as Toronto's chief planner, the appearances are her private business, she added.

"I turned down the vast majority of speaking requests, number one, because of scheduling, and number two, more importantly, I'm cautious that there might be a conflict of interest. I'm highly sensitive to the fact that I have not acted in any way that is a conflict."

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Real estate. Home prices still on the rise in the GTA

Canadian home sales continued to cool in January, thanks largely to slumping sales in oil-impacted Alberta and Saskatchewan, according to figures for the start of the year released by the Canadian Real Estate Association Tuesday.

The GTA saw house-price gains of 7.47 per cent in January over a year earlier, followed by Greater Vancouver at 5.53 per cent, according to CREA figures.

Across the country, two-storey single family homes saw the biggest price gains, up 6.57 per cent. Townhouse prices were up 5 per cent and bungalows saw gains of 4.61 per cent, says CREA.

Condo apartments were well behind the pack, with average sales prices up 3.11 per cent.

Home sales were down 3.1 per cent across the country in January over last December as sales declined in 60 per cent of Canadian markets, led by Calgary and Edmonton.

If those two cities were removed from the calculations, national sales would have been up 1.9 per cent, year over year, said CREA.

The national average sales price climbed in January by its smallest margin since April 2013 — just 3.1 per cent year over year — bringing the average transaction price last month to $401,143, said CREA.

That would be a far more modest $312,280 nationally — a year-over-year decline of three-tenths of one per cent — if still-strong home sales in Toronto and Vancouver were taken out of the equation, the national association for the country's more than 100,000 realtors noted.

Ontario's economy is expected by 2.8 per cent in 2015 and 2016.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ISIL beheadings

Toronto church holds vigil for Egyptian Christians

A local Coptic Christian church is having prayer vigils this week in memory of 21 Egyptians beheaded by members of ISIL.

John Boutros, priest at the St. Moses & St. Katherine, a Coptic Christian church in Toronto, said the victims died as martyrs.

"Those men were all praying, declaring the name of Lord Jesus Christ even to their last breath," he said. "That makes us very proud.

"This is the spirit and essence of our church. Even at the sword, we'd rather die than deny our faith."

The victims were poor farmers from the Nile River Valley who had left Egypt in search of better jobs in Libya.

Quoted

"Those men were all praying, declaring the name of Lord Jesus Christ even to their last breath.... This is the spirit and essence of our church. Even at the sword, we'd rather die than deny our faith."

John Boutros, priest at the St. Moses & St. Katherine, a Coptic Christian church in Toronto

ISIL posted a video of their beheading Sunday, prompting President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi to declare vengeance.

Reports said Egyptian airplanes struck ISIL targets in Darna, Libya, later on Sunday.

"Our response to ISIL is, 'We love you and will continue to pray for your change,'" Boutros said.

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Tory gets warm reception from Justin Trudeau on transit help

Politics. Mayor told reporters at city hall his main focus is pitching the above-ground SmartTrack rail plan to all three parties

MP Adam Vaughan says Mayor John Tory had a "real conversation" with Liberal Leader Justine Trudeau in Ottawa on Tuesday. TWITTER PHOTO

Mayor John Tory and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau had a meeting of the minds in Ottawa on federal help for Toronto and other Canadian cities, says MP and former city councillor Adam Vaughan.

"They share more than the same initials — they share a very similar vision on what cities need in this country," a "delighted" Vaughan said after participating in the late-afternoon meeting Tuesday.

"The tenor of the conversation was, 'Let's have a real conversation met with a real commitment — if it's SmartTrack you want, it's SmartTrack you get,'" said Vaughan, the federal Liberals' housing and urban affairs critic.

"We're not going to redraw lines on (transit) maps or have fishing parties," he said, referring to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's fishing outings with former mayor Rob Ford.

"It was great to see a mayor come up and talk about transit and housing and lay it on the line. Toronto and other cities are not going to succeed unless there is a good relationship with Ottawa. You're not going to get SmartTrack without a strong federal partner — John Tory gets that, Justin Trudeau gets that, and I get that."

Tory was on a 24-hour pre-federal election trip that also included Tuesday meetings with federal Transport Minister Lisa Raitt and Labour Minister Kellie Leitch, and NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair and Beaches-East York NDP MP Matthew Kellway.

Before leaving, Tory told reporters at city hall his main focus is pitching the above-ground SmartTrack rail plan to all three parties, as well as pressing public housing needs. Tory said he will also push for help with "not sexy" infrastructure needs, including repair and replacement of aging water mains and pipes.

Vaughan said he helped craft the Liberal urban platform, which has passed through caucus and is now in Trudeau's office. Because it has not been released, Vaughan said, Tory left without funding commitments on SmartTrack, but he did get assurances the Liberals would help get the rail network built and continue federal participation in Waterfront Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SmartTrack

- Essential to building John Tory's SmartTrack proposal — which would run primarily on GO Transit tracks — are investments from all levels of government to fund the estimated $8-billion cost. Tory has promised to build the heavy rail line in seven years.

Toronto Police FOI compliance falls to 52%

Brian Beamish, acting Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Facing a dramatic surge in requests, Toronto Police compliance with Freedom of Information legislation's 30-day response time requirement hit a 10-year low in 2014, prompting Ontario's Information Privacy Commissioner to call for more resources to address a response rate he calls concerning.

According to data submitted to the Toronto Police Services Board in a recent report by Chief Bill Blair, Toronto police met the mandated FOI response deadline of 30 days in 52 per cent of requests last year.

That's nearly a 30 per cent drop from 2005 — when 80 per cent of FOI requests were completed within the 30-day time frame — and down almost 15 per cent from 2013, which saw a compliance rate of 65 per cent.

The lagging response rate comes amid a staggering 125 per cent increase in FOI requests filed to Toronto police in the last decade, ballooning from just over 2,500 in 2005 to 5,600 in 2014.

Brian Beamish, the acting Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, said Toronto police have received more requests in recent years than any other municipal institution in Ontario.

Citing staffing challenges Blair highlights in his report — including a static number of analysts who cannot keep up with the demand — Beamish called on the Toronto Police Services Board to consider providing additional resources to better serve the public and meet legislative obligations.

"The Toronto Police Service's compliance rate is of concern and needs to be addressed," Beamish said in a statement to Torstar News Service. "The public has the right to request access to government-held information, including general records and records containing their own personal information. This is a vital aspect of open and accountable government."

But Alok Mukherjee, chairman of the police board, said "throwing more resources" at perceived deficiencies is not the answer — "especially in areas that are not the core function of the organization."

"We will need to see if there is an issue and if there is, whether the system in place needs to be reviewed," he said.

In Blair's report — submitted to the police board in advance of its Thursday meeting — he cites the increase in requests and staffing difficulties for delays in responding to requests, which can range from citizen demands for personal data to media inquiries to applications from lawyers and more. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Auditor general swamped with fraud complaints in '14

A lack of resources in the Toronto auditor general's office has led to the city investigating its own employees and dismissing "substantiated" fraud complaints, according to the office's 2014 report on fraud and wrongdoing at city hall.

Nearly 700 complaints related to misuse of city money were logged with the office of the auditor general last year, according to the report. Complaints include staff abusing sick leave, submitting falsified health-care claims and misusing corporate cellphones to the tune of $25,000.

The report does not disclose how many investigations were conducted, nor does it identify which departments or employees were involved.

Rising fraud allegations have outstripped resources in the auditor general's office to investigate them, which has led to complaints being handed down to managers to probe — sometimes with unsatisfactory results, the report said.

"There were instances where management has led an investigation and concluded that the complaint was unsubstantiated.

"Upon further independent review by the Auditor General's Forensic Unit, it was determined that the allegations were in fact substantiated," the report says.

Operating independently helps the auditor general hold city officials, management, staff and boards accountable for their public funds. When managers are asked to investigate their own employees, lack of independent oversight "presents a risk to the City of Toronto," the report says.

The MFP computer-leasing scandal — which involved a $43-million contract that ballooned to $85 million in the early 2000s without council approval — highlighted the importance of independent watchdogs.

"The need for sufficient oversight is critical," the auditor general's report says.

Toronto lost an estimated $839,000 to fraud last year, a figure likely to rise as outstanding complaints are dealt with.

The report, released last week, will be up for discussion and debate before Toronto's audit committee on Feb. 27. Auditor General Beverly Romeo-Beehler declined to talk to Torstar News Service about its findings until the committee meeting. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

At a glance

- A city employee and spouse submitted fraudulent health-care and dental claims over several years, totalling about $60,000. The employee was fired and the spouse was convicted of fraud and ordered to repay $59,645.
- An employee who pretended to be ill while on an overseas vacation and claimed 72 hours of sick time, totalling $3,000, was fired but reinstated after arbitration.
- A member of the public had an illegal water connection installed to bypass the city's water meter. The city recovered $9,500, the cost of the estimated water bill.

AGENTSOFCHANGE Eleven Torontonians who are building a better city

Weight-loss story an empowering one

Part 2. Azeeza is one of many groups and individuals planning to make Toronto a better place through the Centre for Social Innovations

Farheen Khan is looking to inspire and empower women in her bid to improve Toronto. CONTRIBUTED

Two years ago Farheen Khan weighed 400 pounds.

She's now a size 10 after losing 170 pounds, along with her size 26 jeans.

The transformation was born of an abusive relationship, a painful, deceptive marriage and 2-1/2 years of hard work.

"I didn't value myself," Khan said.

After documenting her transformation on social media and writing a blog post on MindBodyGreen.com last year, women — many of them like Khan — reached out for advice.

So Khan booked a room at a Mississauga community centre and invited them to join her for free 45-minute sessions.

Workouts begin with an inspirational affirmation and end with a discussion. As Azeeza For Women grew, Khan opened a second Mississauga location and another in Markham. Over the next year, two more locations will open in downtown Toronto.

Kahn's mission is simple: To support women as they build self-appreciation and value themselves. Her larger vision is more complex: To provide counselling for abuse, virtual access to workout sessions and a means for women to empower themselves through formal weight-loss programs and financially through working at her female-only gyms.

As an agent of change, Khan has access to micro grants, sponsors who could provide access to free or inexpensive space and potential donors.

"It's not that I get women to conform to society's concept of what women should be," said Khan, who is working toward certification as a personal trainer. "That's not what that is at all, actually. It's about me as a woman. How can I ensure that I value and respect myself?

"That regardless of my size that I feel healthy, and I know that I'm confident enough that I'm not going to compromise."

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Inside the name

Azeeza means "cherished, respected, honoured and loved" in Arabic, Urdu and a number of South Asian and Middle Eastern languages.

More than image

Many who've made their way to Azeeza don't need to lose weight. Instead, they need emotional guidance due to abusive relationships.

- **Direction.** Meetings are for inspiration and motivation, said Farheen Khan
- **Leadership.** Khan helps other people log food journals and makes time for daily phone calls and check-ins while still working full time at a women's shelter.

The Drop. Creating quick, speedy deliveries

When financial analyst Darryl Brown moved to CityPlace and decided to spend $140 on a used bike instead of a Metro Pass, it was the first step down the road to bigger life changes.

Within a few years, he'd quit his job, used his savings to buy an electric car and imported two new-age rickshaws: The Drop Distribution had been born.

Brown began offering affordable delivery for small businesses via emission-free vehicles. For $4 to $8 in pickup fees, and $2.50 per drop, businesses like bakeries, florists and local grocers can distribute products in The Drop's central delivery zone of Keele, Bloor, and the Don Valley Parkway.

As an agent of change, The Drop hopes to reduce traffic congestion by using bikes for delivery instead of larger cargo vehicles on city streets. Brown also plans to forge new partnerships with participating businesses with the same mission.

He wants to be a vocal advocate for emissions free and electric transport as part of city planning.

"I would like for the conversation to evolve from bikes versus car," said Brown, "to efficiency and what makes sense."

The Drop's professional tricycles were bought in from Cyclopolitain, a French company that specializes in urban street cycles, and hold as much cargo as a small car. Brown's electric car — a used Nissan Leaf — was a trickier adjustment because severe temperatures affect battery life.

One of the high-capacity cargo cycles Darryl Brown uses for The Drop Distribution. CONTRIBUTED

In what he calls the Goldilocks zone — not too cold but not too hot — the Leaf will travel upward of 150 kilometres, but The Drop plans its routes with a 40 kilometre limit in the winter just to be safe.

As The Drop grows, Brown plans to add cycles capable of doubling as mini retail spaces and providing the option for advertising space on the fleet.

Though he now participates in one of the oldest methods of delivery — by bicycle — Brown himself claims not to have other energy-saving quirks.

"I think it's quirky enough to plan your weekends and your travelling around in an electric vehicle," he said.

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"We're going to partner as much as possible with people — with organizations that believe and understand what we're working towards."

Darryl Brown, The Drop Distribution founder

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Baby Griffin measles-free, mom confirms

Health. Jennifer White wrote scathing Facebook post about so-called anti-vaxxers, spent agonizing week watching for symptoms

It's a happy ending for Jennifer White and her healthy, smiling baby boy.

Baby Griffin was just 15 days old when a measles-infected person shared the same Markham doctor's waiting room with him in late January, in turn possibly exposing him to measles.

White put herself and her unvaccinated son in self-imposed isolation for a week — waiting anxiously for the 21-day measles incubation period to pass. At 2 p.m. on Tuesday, that point came.

"Griffin was smiley and happy this morning and symptom-free," White told Torstar News Service. "We can leave the house. And that's amazing news."

Hundreds of thousands of people around the world followed White's story last week after she shared her family's heartbreaking ordeal in a viral Facebook post.

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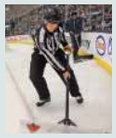
Griffin was the subject of a Facebook post that went viral last week. CONTRIBUTED

It's cold. Real cold.

With Toronto in a deep freeze, Metro takes a look at other very cold things. Turns out there's not much colder than being outside (unless you're on the moon, or maybe in Russia).

Storage temperature range at Sanagan's Meat Locker in Kensington Market: **0-4**



Surface ice temperature at the Air Canada Centre: **-5.5**

Average low for February in Toronto: **-6**

Forecasted low for Thursday in Toronto: **-21**

Forecasted low for Friday in Toronto: **-23**

Record cold in Toronto (Jan. 10, 1859): **-33**

Mean daytime temperature at the moon's equator: **-53**

°C

5 Temperature inside Toronto's city morgue

-5 Average temperature inside Toronto's Chill Ice House

-16 Forecasted low for Wednesday in Toronto

-25 Low at Pearson airport on Sunday, the coldest day in 20 years

-89.2 Lowest temperature ever recorded on Earth (July 21, 1983, at Vostok Station in Russia)

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Health. Ont. measles cases linked to T.O. youth event

A cluster of measles cases in Ontario has been linked to a Christian youth gathering in Toronto, health officials said Monday in warning roughly 1,000 people who attended the event that they may have been exposed to the virus.

The province is asking people who were at the "Acquire the Fire" gathering held at the Queensway Cathedral on Feb. 6 and 7 to check their immunization status as the number of confirmed cases in Ontario continues to rise.

One of the five people in the Niagara Region confirmed to have contracted measles was at the event, said Ontario's acting chief medical officer, Dr. Robin Williams.

Health officials in Niagara said all five cases in the area — including three new ones announced Monday — are connected.

The person who went to the event "obviously didn't travel with what they knew to be measles disease, it was during the (infectious period)," Williams said. "And of course you get more infectious as you get closer to actually blossoming in the disease."

"There is some risk to those who were unimmunized at Acquire the Fire, and that's why we're reaching out today to make sure that people get on top of their immunization," she said.

Organizers with Acquire the Fire say roughly 1,000 people were present for the 27-hour event. Health officials say participants, as well as performers and volunteers, came from all over Ontario. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Symptoms to look for

Individuals born after 1970 who were at the gathering are being asked to review their immunization status to ensure they are protected against measles.

- The majority of teens in Ontario have received two doses of the measles vaccine, and for most, that's "highly effective" at preventing the illness, the province said.
- Measles symptoms begin seven to 18 days after exposure, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada.
- Those who took part in the event and develop symptoms of fever, cough, runny nose, inflammation of the eyes or rash over the next two weeks are being advised to phone their doctors.

Weather

Extreme cold bursts water pipes across the city

When the cold weather mills around for a few weeks, Toronto falls apart.

Several pipes burst across the city over the long weekend leaving roadways flooded, apartments drenched and movie-goers wet.

The pipes burst because of the unrelenting cold that has blanketed the area over the past several weeks, according to Lou Di Gironimo, general manager of Toronto Water.

He says 48 water mains broke across the city and more than 1,000 calls came in for frozen pipes in homes and apartment buildings.

The cruel weather even affected the steamy crowd at a west-end theatre watching Fifty Shades of Grey, which was cancelled after frozen pipes burst and water leaked from the ceiling.

Officials say frozen pipes also led to the closure of a tower at city hall that forced marriage ceremonies to a different floor.

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A 'very unusual' case for Halifax

Crime. Two suspects accused in alleged mall shooting plot make first court appearances

HALEY RYAN
Metro in Halifax

Lindsay Souvannarath, left, from Geneva, Ill., and Randall Steven Shepherd, from Halifax, appeared in provincial court Tuesday morning. The suspects face charges of conspiracy to commit murder, among others. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The man and woman accused of plotting a Halifax mall shooting sat on a bench, separated by sheriffs. The woman held a small smile on her face, her chin slightly in the air; the man's blond hair lay over his eyes as he stared straight ahead.

Lindsay Kanittha Souvannarath of Geneva, Ill., 23, and 20-year-old Randall Steven Shepherd of Halifax appeared briefly in Halifax provincial court Tuesday morning and did not look at one another.

Both were arraigned on charges of conspiracy to commit murder until their next appearance on March 6. Crown information submitted to the court shows Shepherd and Souvannarath also now face charges of conspiracy to commit arson, illegal possession of weapons for a purpose dangerous to the public and making a threat through social media.

The RCMP say the accused were planning a mass shooting at the Halifax Shopping Centre on Valentine's Day.

"I would say (it is) very unusual for here; I certainly haven't encountered anything like it," Crown attorney Shauna MacDonald of the special prosecutions unit told reporters outside court.

The Crown information alleges that the offences occurred between Jan. 6 and Valentine's Day and were carried out with James Lee Gamble, a 19-year-old man found dead in his Timberlea home on Friday.

A social-networking website believed to be linked to Gamble features pictures of weapons, Nazi symbols and images relating to the Columbine school shooting.

Souvannarath walked into court first and sat wearing a white sweater. Shepherd wore a black jacket and T-shirt.

A duty counsel lawyer said both needed time to find a defence lawyer and would not be seeking bail. MacDonald said their matters would continue in provincial court until a trial is contemplated.

MacDonald said she had a "very limited" amount of disclosure, but more information is expected to come from police over the next few weeks.

When asked why the case is considered a conspiracy, MacDonald said it means the police allege two people have arrived at an agreement.

"It can be a conversation," MacDonald said.

Although the possibility of a mass shooting in Halifax shocked the city and county over the weekend, MacDonald said the Crown approaches every prosecution the same way, "recognizing the serious nature of the offence."

Quebec

Education minister defends strip search of teen girl

Quebec's education minister is under fire for defending high school officials who strip-searched a 15-year-old female student they suspected of selling drugs — an incident that has shocked some but appears to be well within the bounds of Canadian law.

Yves Bolduc said the province's schools have guidelines setting out how and when education officials can bypass police and order students to submit their clothing to a rigorous search. "It's a question of security," Bolduc told the Quebec legislature.

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Anti-petroleum activists a possible threat: Mounties

The RCMP has identified "anti-petroleum" protesters as a potential security threat, fuelling concerns in Parliament that tough new anti-terror powers will be misused to target environmentalists, aboriginals and critics of the government's economic agenda.

Prepared by the RCMP's critical infrastructure intelligence team, the threat assessment dated Jan. 24, 2014 says: "There is a growing, highly organized and well-financed anti-Canadian petroleum movement that consists of peaceful activists, militants and violent extremists, who are opposed to society's reliance on fossil fuels."

Obtained by La Presse newspaper, the RCMP document casts climate change activists as outside mainstream Canadian public opinion, and points to a handful of criminal acts between 2006 and 2013, particularly the anti-fracking protests in New Brunswick that turned violent. It predicts as pipeline and hydraulic fracturing operations expand across Canada "criminal activity associated to the anti-petroleum movement will increase nationally" and calls such extremists "a realistic criminal threat."

Bill C-51, the proposed Anti-Terrorism Act of 2015, would enact sweeping new spying and intervention powers for CSIS and the RCMP to target security threats. On Wednesday the NDP and Green Party pushed the Harper government on just who the bill is targeting.

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France tracking many possible sleeper cells

Terror organizations. France aims to intercept the radicalization process and treat jihadi material on the Internet as a criminal act

France is tracking hundreds of people believed to belong to possible sleeper cells for terror organizations like al-Qaida or the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the country's top security official said.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve laid out what has become an increasingly urgent question for European intelligence services: how to trace the moment when someone transforms from a disgruntled criminal or a disaffected citizen into a terrorist, and how to block those first steps toward radicalization.

"Four hundred targets have been identified by our intelligence services that are more or less sleeper cells, affiliated or in relation with al-Qaida-type organizations, that can strike like the Kouachi brothers," Cazeneuve said in an interview late Monday.

Said and Cherif Kouachi were French-born brothers who killed 12 people in Paris on Jan. 7 when they stormed the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo. They were shot dead by police in a confrontation two days later.

Cazeneuve said he wants new measures to give intelligence services more leeway to monitor suspects' electronic communications. He is heading to the United States on Wednesday to try to persuade Internet giants to step up and help stem extremists' ability to use propaganda videos to recruit and indoctrinate new followers.

Facebook, Twitter, Apple and Google — all major vectors for increasingly sophisticated jihadi clips targeting potential followers in the West — will be among his stops in Silicon Valley.

"Ninety per cent of those who commit terrorist acts fall into it after regularly consulting websites or blogs that call for or provoke terrorism," Cazeneuve said.

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Quoted

"When you have terrorists who keep a low profile for years and then suddenly decide to act — either to obey an order from a large terrorist organization such as al-Qaida or of their own volition — then you need to be able to monitor them on a long term."

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve

Kosovo marks 7th anniversary of independence

Top: People gather on Feb. 17, 2008, around the Newborn monument in Pristina. Bottom: Seven years later on Feb. 17, 2015. Kosovo marked a sombre seventh anniversary of independence from Serbia as the mainly ethnic Albanian territory grapples with an exodus triggered by deep economic malaise. ARMEND NIMANI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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Makers of 'female Viagra' trying again for approval

Flibanserin. FDA holding back because of pill's lacklustre effectiveness and side effects such as fatigue, dizziness and nausea

Sprout Pharmaceuticals, makers the twice rejected female-sex-drive pill, flibanserin, said Tuesday it is refiling its application. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The makers of a twice-rejected pill designed to boost female libido are resubmitting their drug to American health regulators, following a recent lobbying blitz by politicians, women's groups and consumer advocates aimed at pushing it onto the market.

Sprout Pharmaceuticals said Tuesday it is refiling its application for the drug, flibanserin, adding new information requested by the Food and Drug Administration about how the pill affects driving ability. FDA scientists requested that data after their most recent rejection of the drug, in part due to results showing nearly 10 per cent of women in company trials reported sleepiness as a side effect. The company studied women's driving ability the morning after taking flibanserin compared with women taking a placebo and a common sleeping pill.

If approved, Sprout's daily pill would be the first drug for women who report a lack of sexual desire, a market that drugmakers have been trying to tap since the blockbuster success of Viagra for men in the late 1990s. But the drug has already faced a long, winding review at the FDA because of lacklustre effectiveness and side effects including fatigue, dizziness and nausea.

In an effort to break the regulatory logjam, groups sponsored by Sprout and other drugmakers have begun publicizing the lack of a "female Viagra" as a women's rights issue.

"Women deserve equal treatment when it comes to sex," states an online petition to the FDA organized by one group, Even the Score, which garnered 25,000 supporters.

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MY CAT IS ALMOST FAMOUS

4,500 photos, 10,000 Instagram followers and one hell of a cute feline: What Stash the Moustache Cat has taught me about making it on the Internet

Stash the cat has surpassed the 10,000 followers mark on Instagram. ELISHA DACEY/INSTAGRAM

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I have taken about 4,500 photos of my cat in the past year.

I am not a crazy cat lady. I mean, I love my cats but I never took 4,500 photos of my previous pets. Or my kid. (Well, I might have taken that many of my kid.)

I am the owner of Stash the Moustache Cat. He was an experiment in going viral that's proven that to be almost famous on the Internet, you just need something really remarkable — and a lot of luck. And it helps if it's a cat.

Stash was just your average family pet (with a distinctive moustache marking on his face) in January 2014 when we at Metro decided to see if we could make him go viral.

Cats with moustaches are actually a thing online. They're called Kitlers. This is something I learned over a month of posting his photos on Instagram. When the month was done, Stash had about 1,000 followers. Not bad, but hardly viral.

So I decided to keep going on my own, posting roughly four photos a day of Stash getting belly rubs, freaking out at the patio door over the backyard bunnies and falling off of things.

It's been a year, and Stash has passed the 10,000-follower mark on Instagram. His follower count grew by 2,000 in only one night when another popular Instagram account asked me if it could feature him. His popularity is weird and hilarious to me.

Here's what I've learned:

1. Cat people are obsessed. Some people love Stash as much as they love their own kitties. They get very upset or worried if I don't post enough photos. I once posted a photo of Stash in a carrier and said we were off to the vet. It was time for his annual checkup, and we also shaved him down for the summer.

Not only were people genuinely worried something was wrong with him, I had a few people leave comments about how mad they were that I would shave my cat's fur. Stash is a real part of some of his followers' lives, and yet he's never met them.

2. The online cat community is a bully-free zone. Jerks are not tolerated.

3. When I post, I pretend that Stash is speaking. I can't believe the number of people who talk to him like he's a human.

4. The quality of the photo matters. Good photos always get more likes than mediocre ones.

5. That said, sometimes the mediocre photos get more likes, simply because a well-connected person shares the photo.

6. Stash's formula for success: good photo with mildly amusing caption, and the photo MUST contain the moustache in some way.

The experiment will continue. I will keep posting photos between meetings, in the elevator, on my lunch break, even during my daily conference call with the other Metro editors (sorry, guys).

Stash isn't viral. There are a lot of Internet Kitlers. But we've built a community 10,000 strong. Not bad for a clumsy cat with a moustache.

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Watching the red carpet doesn't make me a bad feminist

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With the Academy Awards mere days away, people are talking — and not just about who will take home those little gold statues.

The question 'Who are you wearing?' will be asked over and over again on Sunday. I may be a card-carrying feminist but I still love the Oscars pre-show, particularly the inherent snarkiness of the question and the silliness of the red carpet in general. Other feminists disagree.

The "Who are you wearing?" query has become just one example of what some see as a deeply shallow and sexist ritual. The backlash went into overdrive this awards season when comedian Amy Poehler's Smart Girls community Twitter page posted: "The #RedCarpet is open and we want the media to #AskHerMore! Let's go beyond 'who are you wearing?' and ask better questions! #GoldenGlobes."

Um, I have a question: Really? The bad queries are half of the fun. When I'm watching award pre-shows I don't want to hear opinions from men or women on the Keystone XL pipeline. I want to know more about their extravagant outfits. Isn't that the point of the hours-long parade of Chanel and Dior and Armani, anyway? There is a time and a place for everything. The red carpet is the time and place to celebrate the glitz and glamour of Tinseltown, not ask the hard-hitting questions.

There is no denying women tend to get asked more about fashion and diets than their male counterparts. BuzzFeed, with tongue firmly in cheek, found a fun way to make sure the men were also asked some lighter questions before the BAFTA Awards. The men's answers to what they were wearing, if they would twirl, and whether they were donning Spanx, were revealing and hilarious.

And that's the point. The red carpet can be laughable; the questions should be equally so. The time to ask the male directors and producers who still largely control Hollywood some seriously tough questions is after the awards are handed out. My suggestions? Why are women often relegated to playing moms and wives once they hit 30? Can you not promote more than one standard of female beauty? Why are there not more women directing films? What's with the wage gender gap in Hollywood?

Let's #AskHimMore.

I probably risk getting my feminist card revoked for saying this, but I don't think many female stars want to be asked more at these events. These stars are savvy businesspeople choosing to walk the carpet to promote themselves, their projects and, ahem, their brand synergies.

The Oscar-winning actor Charlize Theron, for instance, always looks glorious clad in Dior. Why? Because she has a long-term advertising deal with the French fashion house. She also reportedly demanded equal pay for her upcoming flick The Huntsman after the Sony hack revealed her male co-star, Chris Hemsworth, was getting paid substantially more than her. I bet if asked about the pay discrepancy on a red carpet she would decline comment. Ask about her dress, and surely she'd purr: "J'adore Dior!"

The late, great Joan Rivers is said to have first posed the sartorial query in the '90s. The comedian once defended her ubiquitous and controversial catchphrase, telling Entertainment Weekly, in part: "Other reporters always said, 'I'm not going to ask that. I'm going to ask how (the actors) feel politically!' But actors don't want to hear that!" She was right, for the most part.

Some stars, such as Theron's paramour and two-time Oscar winner Sean Penn, have a penchant for droning on about their political views, whether asked or not. Let's hope someone has the nerve to ask the prickly Penn who he's wearing the next time he's on red carpet.

What could be sillier and snarkier than that?

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Charlize Theron in Dior at the 2013 Oscars. With a lucrative Dior contract, Theron is probably all too happy to promote what she's wearing on the red carpet, argues Melissa Dunne. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Iggy Azalea DAVID LOPERA

Spanish artist big ups A-listers

This should make the debate about body image issues a little more interesting. While famous women suffer punishing workouts to tone up and slim down, a 20-year-old Spanish artist is taking to Photoshop to plump them up. Like, by a lot.

David Lopera has been doing custom images for clients making celebrities like Iggy Azalea, Kim Kardashian, Katy Perry and Mila Kunis significantly rounder. And, he tells the Daily Mail, business is booming.

"Men are always writing to me asking if I can make their (celebrity) crushes look a bit fatter," he says. "These women look much better when they're overweight ... Look at my pictures and you will see that big is beautiful."

Katy Perry DAVID LOPERA

Amber Rose kuts Khloe to the kwik with Kylie kwip

What started out as some pretty decent shade-throwing by Amber Rose over rapper pal Tyga taking up with 17-year-old Kylie Jenner has broken out into an all-out Twitter war. Rose first angered the Kardashian clan by telling Power 105 that Jenner is "a baby, she needs to go to bed at 7 o'clock and relax." Which doesn't seem like such terrible advice, but tallest Kardashian Khloe mounted a tweet-based offensive on Rose. "Please don't worry about my sister who has a career and her s--- together at only 17... Please stop talking about us in interviews, mama. None of us talk about you."

There were also some frog and coffee cup emojis thrown in, for some reason.

This is huge, as it quite possibly marks the first time a Kardashian has ever asked someone to not pay attention to them. Rose did keep talking, though, responding to Khloe and invoking older sister Kim with, "I'll be that (little) whore to support my family like (your) older sister is a whore (to) support hers. We're even." And it goes on from there, including some dispute about the difference between a stripper and a prostitute. Rose even tosses in a reference to O.J. Simpson being Khloe's real father. Enjoy! And choose your sides in this skirmish carefully.

Khloe Kardashian and Amber Rose. GETTY IMAGES

Bieber gets a good old-fashioned egging

Justin Bieber GETTY IMAGES

Things are off to a messy start in the promo run-up to Justin Bieber's much-hyped roasting at the behest of Comedy Central next month. In the first video clip for the event, the tiny Canadian terror is pelted in slow-mo with eggs, hearkening back to his previous arrest for doing the same to a neighbour's house, as the video teases, "Watch Justin Bieber learn how poor, defenceless houses feel." Also, can we do something about Bieber's apparent allergy to shirts? I know he put a lot of time into all those tattoos and wants to show them off, but still.

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Decoding life at a Canadian spy camp

Series debut. New CBC show X Company depicts agents being trained at WWII espionage school

It's 1942 and a group of Allied agents are training at a top-secret facility — not in Europe, but on the shores of Lake Ontario.

The premise behind the new CBC series X Company stems from a part of Canada's Second World War history that many don't know about, say the stars.

"It really is this thing to be proud of for Canadians," said Dustin Milligan, who was born in Yellowknife and played Ethan Ward on CW's 90210. "In a lot of ways, modern espionage, modern spy craft was developed in Canada."

Debuting Wednesday, X Company centres on Camp X, which was a spy school on the Whitby-Oshawa border.

The facility trained hundreds of secret agents to work behind enemy lines. It also had a state-of-the-art telecommunications centre.

Milligan plays Tom Cummings, an American advertising expert who specializes in propaganda and manipulation. His co-stars include Evelyne Brochu as Aurora Luft, a French-Canadian/Jewish-German journalist who is recruited into Camp X after joining the Resistance in France.

Connor Price plays Harry James, the youngest of the spies who acts as the radio operator and explosives expert. The five agents at the training centre were plucked from their everyday lives to become spies and their vulnerabilities show while they're in the field.

The other spies are played by Jack Laskey and Warren Brown. Other cast members include Flashpoint star Hugh Dillon as the leader of the camp and Lara Jean Chorostecki as the leader of the all-female staff of the telecommunications centre.

Mark Ellis and Stephanie Morgenstern created and wrote the series, which is a Canadian-Hungarian co-production that was shot over three months in Budapest.

Quoted

"They're not perfect and they're not superheroes. They are heroes, though, and to me that's extremely relatable."

Montreal-born Evelyne Brochu, who co-stars on the CBC series X Company. She also played a French scientist on Orphan Back.

In the first episode, the spies are in France. As they embark on a dangerous mission, viewers also see the perspective of the Nazis. "Our show has this really unique way of painting even the guys, seen as the villains, in a light of humanity," said Price, a Toronto native whose credits include the series The Dead Zone and the film Good Luck Chuck.

"You see their backstory, you see their motives — they're even justified in a way. So as you're watching it, you're torn between two sides, as crazy as it is. The viewing experience becomes much more personal as you relate to these real people in this real situation."

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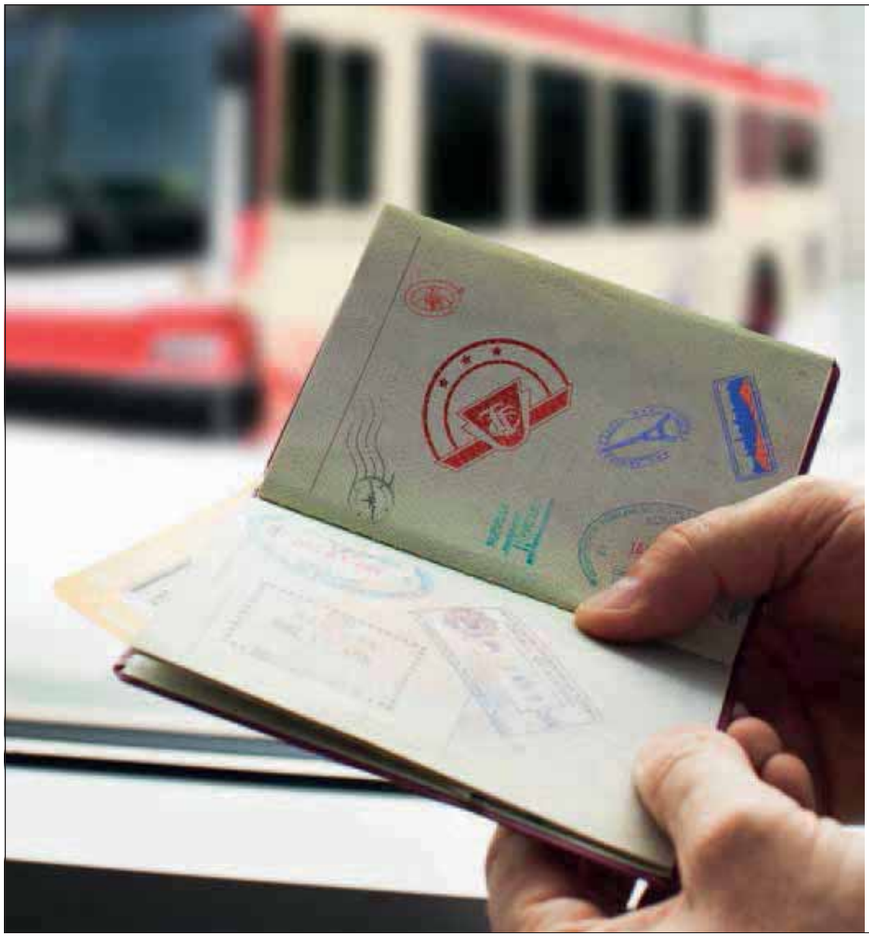
Actor Evelyne Brochu plays a journalist who is recruited into Camp X. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Things are about to get 'much worse' on How to Get Away With Murder

Plot development. Actor Katie Findlay assures viewers that more twists are in store as finale approaches

Loyal fans of How to Get Away With Murder aren't the only ones delighting in the shocking twists and turns of the tense serial. Canadian star Katie Findlay is also revelling in the show's wild plot developments as the two-hour finale nears.

And with heat intensifying for everyone involved in the murder of philandering university professor Sam Keating, Findlay resolutely assures fans: "Everything gets much worse."

The lithe brunette, who plays trouble-prone goth girl Rebecca Sutter on the dark drama, says these remaining episodes are all about hardbitten defence lawyer Annalise Keating, played by Viola Davis, scrambling to save herself and her guilty students.

"This half of the season is Annalise in damage control, like major major damage control," Findlay notes in a recent interview from her apartment in Vancouver.

"And even among the kids, none of the previous alliances or discomfort or tensions are really allowed to matter any more. So they still exist, and everyone's uncomfortable, but they sort of have to try to put it aside as much as possible and that ends up blowing things up even more."

Desperation certainly seems to have set in for Keating and the Keating 5. Last Thursday's episode ended with Annalise planting evidence that suggested her lover Nate (played by Billy Brown) was involved in Sam's death.

Meanwhile, her anxious law students are increasingly unhinged by the investigation, as well as stunned at the lengths Annalise will go to protect them.

"These back episodes sort of turn into a psychodrama because the ideas of a lot of things start to sort of eat away at the kids and at Annalise," says Findlay. "So things that seemed relatively harmless before sort of become brainworms and burrow in there and start to disturb everyone or make everyone paranoid."

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Canadian actor Katie Findlay plays Rebecca Sutter on How to Get Away With Murder. CRAIG SJODIN/ABC

Series' Canuck star

Vancouver is still home

After wrapping the season late last month, Findlay says she's now enjoying some downtime in Vancouver, which she still considers home. Although the series shoots in Los Angeles, the 24-year-old says she's resisted making an official move to Hollywood, considering herself to be "just super, super Canadian."

"I've never not lived in Canada so I have my apartment in Vancouver as more of a safety blanket. Even though I'm hardly ever here, it's really nice to come back to." How to Get Away with Murder airs Thursdays on CTV and ABC.

Comedy. Samberg chats about cocky cop character

It's just as funny to see Jake Peralta fail as it is to see him succeed. As played by Andy Samberg on Brooklyn Nine-Nine (airing Wednesday nights on City) Peralta is a cocky, competent cop, who also seems to have the diet and lifestyle of a child. He's had a few heartbreaks this year, what with quickly falling in love with Eva Longoria's defence attorney, only to have her leave him a few episodes later, but he always seems to land on his feet.

Andy Samberg GETTY IMAGES

What's coming up for Jake this season?
We're going to see an episode with him and his dad, who's played by Bradley Whitford.

We all know he left Jake as a kid, so maybe he's not the best dad?
Not the best dad ... but certainly not without his charms.

Jake always has these incredibly detailed backstories for the personas he takes on for undercover work. Do you invent any of those, or does that all come out of the writers' room?
Writers' room. They're really good, man. They write things in a way that it would seem like we were making it up because it feels really spontaneous and creative and insane, but it's better than that. It makes us all look like we're really cool and smart, but we're not. They are.

Is there much improvisation on the show generally?
Every now and again I'll come up with a really intricate zinger on set and work it into the show, but I have full faith in our writing team. They're incredible.

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The wooden horse used in the battle of Troy is most likely a metaphor. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Troy

The city of Troy, in the province of Canakkale in Turkey's northwest, was first discovered and excavated in the 1870s by German merchant Heinrich Schliemann, who refused to believe that Homer's Iliad was a myth. English archeologist Frank Calvert was also part of the team. They uncovered 47 layers of the city, new pieces built on top of the previous ones, dating from the time when this mercantile city had complete control of the Dardanelles Strait to AD 500, when it was abandoned. The version of Troy generally associated with Homer and the Trojan War when the city was besieged by the Greeks is more than 3,000 years old.

Artifacts uncovered in the original digs now reside in museums in Berlin, Istanbul and Moscow. Work at the excavation sites, halted just before the Second World War, resumed in 1988. Sadly, the wooden horse is a myth — Homer's metaphor for the war machine.

Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

One of the most important buildings not just in Istanbul but in the world, the Hagia Sophia was a Greek Orthodox church (and for a time Roman Catholic cathedral) for 1,000 years before it was converted into a mosque in 1453 when the city was conquered by the Ottoman Turks. In 1935, it became a popular museum — with 3.3 million visits last year alone. It was considered a triumph of Byzantine architecture when it was built between AD 532 and 536 with its impressive dome, a marvel even by today's standards, second in size only to Rome's Pantheon.

Built using marble from different parts of Turkey, the Hagia Sophia is like a history book, with its mix of Christian and Muslim artifacts, painstakingly restored frescoes and marble floors worn down by millions of feet. A UNESCO-designated gem.

Gallipoli

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The Lone Pine memorial is one of five cemeteries covering the beautiful, wooded hills overlooking the sea, commemorating the almost 5,000 servicemen who died in battle there.

Every year, both here and in Australia and New Zealand, an overnight vigil is held, with participants witnessing the sunrise, commemorating the dawn landing of the troops. For 2015, special events will mark the battle's 100th anniversary.

The Hagia Sophia was a Greek Orthodox church for 1,000 years before being converted to a mosque in 1453.
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Ephesus is best known for the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
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Ephesus

Abandoned in the 11th century during the Byzantine era, this ancient Greek city near Selçuk in Turkey's Izmir province was built 3,000 years ago, the largest marble city in the world. Ephesus is best known for the Temple of Artemis (built in 550 BC), one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and for the Celsus Library (pictured), the facade of which is a noted example of Roman public architecture. Visitors walk on the 2,000-year-old marble streets, through temples and a giant arena — even a public lavatory.

Ephesus was once a port city and important cultural centre, as well as the site of many biblical events: Saint John was said to have preached in Ephesus and the Gospel of John may have been written here. Saint Paul did missionary work in Ephesus and what is believed to be the last home of the Virgin Mary is about seven kilometres away.

Cappadocia, Central Anatolia

In the heart of Turkey lies Cappadocia, the "land of beautiful horses," what was once the realm of the Hittite Empire. The amazing topography is characterized by layers of volcanic rock millions of years old that has eroded into pillars — known as "fairy chimneys." Cappadocia lays claims to settlements that date back to Roman times and further. Ongoing archeological excavations are unearthing entire villages as well as underground cities deep within the hills, once used to protect people from marauders and religious persecution. Still-vibrant frescoes in the rock-cut churches of the Göreme Open Air Museum preserve the religious history of the region. Tourists embrace authentic Turkish hospitality at boutique cave hotels, staying in rooms that were carved into the mountainside centuries ago.

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Bletchley Park, featured in The Imitation Game, was the site of Alan Turing's Nazi code cracking operation during the Second World War. ISTOCK

Take some travel inspiration from this year's Academy Award-nominated films and get a little bit of history and culture while you're tripping.

Selma tells the story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1965 civil rights marches. Go to Alabama and walk the same path as his 25,000-strong movement did along the Selma-to-Montgomery National Historic Trail or visit the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute in Selma, which chronicles their struggle. Closer to home, the Seaview Baptist Church in Halifax, N.S., is a wonderful site to visit for information on an important piece of our own black history. The church houses a small museum that documents the fascinating story of Africville, a black community in Halifax that was first settled following the War of 1812 and was torn apart by officials for city development in the late 1960s.

Set in New York City, Birdman stars Michael Keaton as a man looking to restore his artistic integrity by performing in a Broadway show. Most of the film takes place around the St. James Theatre on Broadway. If you're headed to the Big Apple, the theatre is gearing up to show Something Rotten, a tale of a pair of brothers who set out to write the first musical in the era of Shakespeare.

The Imitation Game tells the story of Alan Turing, a man who was instrumental in helping the Allies win the Second World War after helping crack Nazi Germany's Enigma code. In Milton Keynes, England, visitors can go to Bletchley Park to see where Turing worked. The displays include numerous exhibits and tranquil outdoor grounds.

Try trail-riding in shadow of Rockies this summer

New adventure.
Calgary-based club leads guided horseback rides through national park for the first time

Waterton Lakes National Park boasts beautiful scenery. ISTOCK

The 92-year-old non-profit group Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies will offer guided horseback adventures in Waterton Lakes National Park this summer.

It's the first time the Calgary-based club, which promotes conservation, has run trips in the park, a UNESCO world heritage site in Alberta's southwest corner.

The six-day back-country experiences — priced at $2,775 per person, which includes membership in the organization — feature teepee and tent accommodations, gourmet four-course meals, hot showers and bus transportation from Calgary, Trail Riders says.

The group says its luxury getaways are for both novice and seasoned riders.

En route to the park, participants will visit another UNESCO world heritage site, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump.

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Eggs, sausage and potatoes belong together

Brunch. This Spanish Chorizo Tortilla, which is Spain's version of an Italian frittata, makes use of pantry staples for an easy and filling meal

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I love trying new things in the kitchen. It is fulfilling to get creative and share my passion of food with people.

That passion was my inspiration for this Spanish Chorizo Tortilla, which is the Spanish version of an Italian frittata.

This recipe is easy enough for a weeknight meal to be served up with a crisp salad, but versatile enough to serve for brunch with family and friends.

Look for chorizo sausage in the grocery store where other cured sausages are sold. You can find mild or hot varieties.

Don't have enough eggs? Use six eggs and half a cup (125 ml) of 10% cream instead of the eight called for in the recipe.

To ovenproof a nonstick skillet that has a wooden or plastic handle, simply wrap it in foil before putting it into the oven.

This recipe serves six to eight. EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 4 small yellow fleshed potatoes (about 1 lb/500 g), cut into 1/2 inch (1 cm) pieces
- Half small red onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 pkg (250 g) chorizo sausage, sliced
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 8 eggs
- 1 tsp (5 ml) paprika
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and pepper
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) shredded Manchego cheese (optional)

Directions

1. In a large ovenproof nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and cook potatoes, onion and garlic for 5 minutes, stirring often.

2. Add broth, reduce heat to medium-low and cover and cook for about 10 minutes or until potatoes are fork tender.

3. Uncover and add chorizo and parsley and cook, stirring for 2 minutes.

4. In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, paprika, salt and pepper and pour into skillet. Increase heat to medium and cook lifting edge with rubber spatula letting runny egg go to the bottom for about 3 minutes or until bottom is light golden and sides are starting to set.

5. Place skillet in 400 F (200 C) oven and bake for about 10 minutes or until knife inserted in centre comes out clean.

6. Sprinkle with cheese if using and broil for about 2 minutes or until golden on top.

You've made the cut, and now you're thinking 'but'

Career. How to know if an offer on the table will work for you

LAUREN MARINIGH
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Although you can't be too picky when deciding on a job, you want to be sure it is going to fit in with your lifestyle. ISTOCK

Knowing whether a job is the right choice for you can be tough.

How do you know it will advance you to where you want to go? Since you'll be devoting a lot of time to that role, how can you be sure you're making the right decision?

Here are some things to consider before you accept a job offer.

Is it suited for your lifestyle?

Maybe you're looking for flexibility in your hours. Or perhaps you're looking for a typical Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. job.

Make sure you know how flexible this position will be. Some employers won't mention that you have to work overtime or outside of regular office hours.

If you usually spend weekends out of town, a job that requires you to work weekends may not be the best choice.

Be upfront about your situation, and ask questions during the interview. Don't agree to a job that requires a two-hour commute if you have commitments before or after work that you're not willing to give up. Some employers are flexible with work arrangements, so be sure to bring this up during the interview stage.

Is the money right?

This area can be tricky. When considering your potential income, you should be realistic.

Do research on the position you're applying for, and compare the income your potential employer is offering you to others in your field. Then, based on your experience, determine an income range you think would be fair to both you and the employer.

It's best if you do this research before your interview, as you will likely be given a salary quote during the meeting.

If you feel a company is holding back, remember you have the option of politely objecting, and making your own suggestion.

However, if you decide to do this, make sure that you have solid reasons for deserving a higher wage. For example, if you have many years of experience in a related field, you should not accept the lowest pay bracket.

Young professionals and new grads should make sure they can live off of their income. But don't expect to have a ton of extra money.

Once you have some experience under your belt, you'll have some room to be more selective with your jobs and income.

Will this role help your career?

Keep in mind that if you pick this job, you do not have to work there forever.

Think about the opportunities the new job presents if you work there short-term, as well as the advantages of working there long-term.

This is especially true if you're a relatively new graduate looking to break into the industry.

Is this role in the field you are aiming for? If not, what transferable skills will you learn from this position that will help you down the road?

Can you see yourself fitting in?

During your interview, ask about company culture, and make sure to observe what the environment is like while you are visiting for your interview.

- Does it seem like a formal, corporate environment? Maybe it's more casual and laid-back. Most importantly, try to see if the employees seem like they enjoy their work.
- Company culture can be the ultimate deciding factor for a lot of people because it affects you every single day. In this case, going with your gut feeling can be a good thing. If the workplace gives you a bad vibe, there is probably a reason for it.

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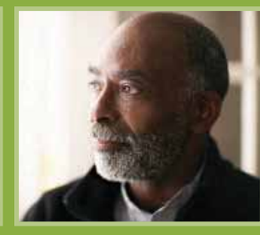

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A pharmacy in your pantry

Sick? Maybe what you need to feel better is what's in your kitchen

JACQUELINE KOVACS
For Metro

Has a cold or flu got you feeling too miserable to even go to the drug store for some over-the-counter meds?

If so, just shuffle to your kitchen, where you can find ingredients to create your own soothing remedy.

Yes, there really is something to it. Have some chicken soup when you're sick. SHUTTERSTOCK

A dose of green tea will keep you hydrated and give your body antioxidants. SHUTTERSTOCK

Did you know

It's called "the common cold" for a reason — it's the most common ailment in the world. Some 200 types of viruses cause the common cold, and experts estimate that by age 75, most of us have spent a total of two years coughing and sneezing.

Honey

Who needs cough syrup when you've got honey? Studies have shown this sweet spread to be just as effective as dextromethorphan, the cough suppressant commonly used in over-the-counter cough medicine.

Mix honey with hot water and lemon and it'll soothe your throat, too.

Chicken soup

"There is total validity to chicken soup to help fight colds and flu," says Bryce Wylde, alternative health expert and medical director at P3 Health in Toronto, "but it really has to be true chicken soup with real chicken stock."

Green tea

A steaming cup of green tea not only helps keep you hydrated, which Wylde says is key when battling a seasonal bug, but it will also give your weary body a nice dose of antioxidants.

This will help neutralize the free radicals that come along with colds and the flu. Adding a squeeze of lemon to your tea, says Wylde, boosts your brew with limonene and a hit of vitamin C.

Mustard

Loosen congestion with a mustard plaster. Combine one part mustard powder with two parts flour, and add just enough water to make a paste.

Spread the mixture into a tea towel, fold the towel in half and apply to your chest — never put the plaster directly on your skin. Check regularly to make sure your skin doesn't get irritated.

Salt

Relieve and help banish your sore throat by gargling with 1/2 teaspoon of salt dissolved in a glass of warm water a few times a day. Saltwater gargles can also help you get rid of phlegm.

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Find hidden gems in Italy's city of romance

Take a look at some of the many portraits of Venice by the likes of Canaletto, Tintoretto, and Guardi and you will see a city largely unchanged for centuries. Yes, Venice is a marvel of engineering, resting on wooden pillars on 118 submerged islands in the Adriatic. But more than that, it seems to float in time, a place of sinuous canals, crumbling merchant palaces, graceful bridges and bells pealing through mauve-coloured mist.

Here is a one-day itinerary that offers an insider's look at this watery charmer:

WHAT TO DO

Venice has often been labelled a city for tourists. To watch the locals in action, hit the bustling 700-year-old Rialto markets in the morning Tuesday through Saturday with its burly stevedores, raucous vendors and bargaining patrons. Fetching piles of purple eggplant, ruby tomatoes, gleaming fish and inky octopus provide a visual feast at the Erberia (vegetable market) and the Pescheria (fish market).

Given that you will spend $100 for an hour's gondola ride, the city's water buses (vaporetti) are a deal at €7 for a one-way fare, or €20 for a 24-hour travel card. Head back toward the Grand Canal and take the No. 1 or 2 that comes every 10 minutes during the day. You will see merchants' palaces from the water, as well as laden delivery boats, and clanging fire or ambulance boats en route to a call.

Get off at the Guglie or San Marcuola stop and walk away from the Grand Canal until you stumble on Venice's Jewish Ghetto (Il Ghetto), the first in the world. Still home to a small Jewish community, this is one of the least touristy parts of the city. Even today, black-clad nonas call down to grandchildren in the street and laundry flaps from the windows. The synagogues occupy the top floors of the medieval equivalent of skyscrapers. You can take a tour of them through the small Museo Comunita Ebraica or head toward the Church of the Madonna dell'Orte (another six-minute walk) where Tintoretto was a regular attendee and several of his masterpieces are casually displayed.

Hop back on the vaporetto (1 or 2) and ride it under the Rialto Bridge, right down to tourist central: Piazza San Marco and its bling-laden Basilica di San Marco. By 3:30 p.m. or so, the cruise ships have departed and you should be able to view the basilica's miles of glittering mosaics at your leisure.

WHERE TO EAT

When you have worked up an appetite, cross the famed Rialto Bridge (the first to link Venice's two founding islands) and head to Bar Pasticceria Ballarin just a six-minute walk away. For less than €5, you can throw back a cappuccino and one of the crisp cannoli siciliani, oozing a delicately sweet cheese filling.

Hunker down on the bench overlooking the canal at Vino Vero. The main tourist areas are far away, which translates to value. You will find a range of artfully displayed local appetizers like polenta, baccala (salt cod) and bruschetta, as well as tasty crostini topped with salami or chopped fish. Served with a nice glass of Prosecco, they will set you back a mere €20 or so for two people.

Finish your day over the bridge from Piazza San Marco at Osteria Enoteca Ai Artisti (Fondamenta della Toletta,Dorsoduro, 1169/A). The seafood is so fresh it practically flops on your plate. Think sea bass, lobster, scallops (whatever is on offer at the market that day), along with toothsome homemade pastas, plenty of fresh herbs and a friendly greeting from the owner ($60 to $150 Cdn per couple).

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Leaf love in a hopeless place

NHL. Tradition, family history, personal identity keep so many fans hitched to heartbreakers

Silvana Giovannetti is a diehard Leafs fan. She's been collecting memorabilia for years and put it all in the family pool table room. She is holding a vintage Leafs model pickup Truck that her mother bought for her. The Frattin Sweater is special to her as Fratin (spelled with one T) was her maiden name. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

On Christmas morning when Silvana Giovannetti unwrapped a hockey goal light, she was envisioning months of noisy celebrations in front of the television to mark a string of wins by the Maple Leafs.

Nearly two months later, the 52-year-old teacher living in Mississauga says the light has rarely lit up. Her beloved team has crashed out of playoff contention in recent weeks.

Despite the losing, Giovannetti faithfully watches every game from her Leafs shrine, decorated with dozens of autographed photos of players, a stained glass Leafs chandelier and a handful of sticks and jerseys.

She admits the room and the losses have fuelled teasing.

So what keeps Giovannetti and others rooting for a team with no Stanley Cup parades since 1967? Part of that answer is bred in the bone — family traditions with a team are hard to brush off.

"My generation will always love the Leafs because it is what we grew up with," Giovannetti says.

Devotion was passed on from her Yugoslavian grandfather who never had the money to go to a game, but saw hockey as a way to fit in after he immigrated to Canada.

Though Silvana was only five years old when the Leafs won their last Cup, she has fond memories of her childhood dedication to the Leafs.

Her two daughters have followed suit. They've tagged along for their mom's meet-and-greets with everyone from Darryl Sittler to former Leafs goaltender Curtis Joseph.

When asked how long she thinks it will take the Leafs to win another one, Giovannetti shakes her head. She doesn't think it will be soon, but she's already briefed her daughters on celebration plans just in case.

"She tells us: 'If they ever win when I'm old, even if I am in a wheelchair, you have to wheel me down for the parade,'" says daughter Sara, giggling.

Steven Ryan, a 23-year-old Toronto singer, might not have victory party plans, but he does have a Leafs parody video with nearly a million views.

"Do something, I'm giving up on you," he sings in the YouTube video. "And I cannot recall the last time you won a game. You've been losing them all."

Quoted

"Once you love them, you love them forever."

Leafs fan Steven Ryan

He says he has swallowed his pride to follow the Leafs, who he started rooting for when he met his fiancée's family which "bleeds blue."

He's stuck by the team because "it is not really a team that you ever leave. It is in your blood. Once you love them, you love forever. It is a cult following."

Benjamin Schellenberg, a social and personality psychology PhD candidate at the University of Manitoba, agrees.

In 2013, when the league locked out its players, he studied passionate hockey fans and discovered "obsessive" fans ("those with an uncontrollable urge to watch the game at any cost"), find it hard to cope, or abandon a fandom.

"The sting" of a bad season can be made worse, he says, because following a team becomes a part of who a fan is.

"People have a natural tendency to incorporate their interests into their identity. Once it in there, it is hard to abandon that," Schellenberg says.

"If you identify as a Leafs fan and things are going wrong with the Leafs, like what is happening now, then it's not easy to give that fandom up. Even year after year of disappointment, they won't stop being a fan because it is like giving up part of who they are."

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On Tuesday

Panthers pounce at ACC

The Toronto Marlies used to boast the slogan that "Every game is a try-out." Right now it's reality for the Maple Leafs.

A large contingent from the Montreal Canadiens' front office was in attendance at Air Canada Centre Tuesday night to survey potential trade candidates in the Leafs' 3-2 loss to the Florida Panthers.

Recent trade acquisition Olli Jokinen was making his Toronto debut and on display with three other pending unrestricted free agents: defenceman Korbinian Holzer and forwards Daniel Winnik and David Booth.

The game's other Jokinen, Jussi (no relation), scored for the Panthers (25-19-12), who also got goals from Nick Bjugstad and 2008 Leafs draft pick Jimmy Hayes. Florida's major 2014 trade deadline acquisition, Roberto Luongo, continued his strong season with 25 saves. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New Leafs centre Olli Jokinen had a shot and a hit in 10:37 of ice time. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Branislav Ivanovic's away goal gives Chelsea the advantage when their Champions League draw with Paris Saint-Germain heads back to London's Stamford Bridge for the second leg on March 11. FRANCK FIFE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Chelsea holds PSG to a draw at Parc des Princes

Champions League.
Courtois gets credit for saving Blues in Paris

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After defender Branislav Ivanovic put Chelsea ahead in the 36th minute of the first leg match with a looping header, Cavani equalized with a downward header in the 54th.

"The result is not in our favour, but what I retain is the spirit my players showed," PSG coach Laurent Blanc said. Thibaut Courtois, preferred to Petr Cech in goal for the visitors, prevented a defeat.

"Chelsea is lucky enough to have two goalkeepers of the very highest level," Blanc said

Courtois denied Cavani with a spectacular first-half save and made four other fine stops to give Chelsea an edge for the return leg on March 11.

Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho described Courtois' performance as "phenomenal" and conceded his side was somewhat fortunate to get a draw.

"The second half was their half. They were losing, they put pressure on us," Mourinho said. "If you go to chances created, and the goalkeeper's performances, we have to be honest and say they had more."

PSG was knocked out of the quarter-finals on away goals last season by Chelsea — winning the first leg 3-1 and losing the return 2-0.

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In Ukraine

Xabi Alonso was sent off in his 100th Champions League game as 10-man Bayern Munich was held to a 0-0 draw by Shakhtar Donetsk in their last 16 first-leg match on Tuesday in Lviv, Ukraine.
Bayern had the better chances but was thwarted by defending from Shakhtar and some poor shooting.
"We had more chances to score. Shakhtar Donetsk had none, zero," Bayern coach Pep Guardiola said.

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Baseball

Clinic owner who supplied steroids gets four years in U.S. federal prison

Anthony Bosch, the former owner of a Florida medical clinic who posed as a doctor and illegally supplied steroid injections and other performance-enhancing drugs to professional baseball players, was sentenced Tuesday to four years in a federal prison.

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Yankees

"I accept ... that many of you will not believe my apology or anything that I say at this point."

Alex Rodriguez in a written apology to fans following a season-long suspension for violating baseball's drug agreement and labour contract.

NFL

Hernandez swapped phones outside police station, jury hears

Jurors in the murder trial of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez on Tuesday were shown surveillance video of him dismantling his phone outside a police station a day after the killing and making calls on his lawyer's phone.

Hernandez is accused in the June 17, 2013, killing of Odin Lloyd, who was dating his fiancée's sister. He had been asked to go to the station after police found in Lloyd's pocket a key to a Chevrolet Suburban Hernandez had rented.

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Women's hockey

Wickenheiser to have foot surgery

Hayley Wickenheiser will undergo season-ending foot surgery and won't play for Canada at the upcoming women's world hockey championship.

The four-time Olympic gold medallist and Canada's all-time leading scorer played last year's Winter Olympics despite a broken bone in her left foot.

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2015 Ford Fusion Energi

- **Type.** FWD, four-door, mid-size, plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)
- **Engine.** 2.0-litre I4/ Permanent Magnet AC (195 combined output).
- **Transmissions.** CVT automatic.
- **Price.** $39,999/$48,939.

Market position

• One of the most fuel-efficient midsize sedans you can buy; rated at 2.7 L/100 km equivalent combined gas and electric.
• $9,000 more than a comparably equipped "non-plug-in" Fusion Hybrid.
• Appealing to those who need/want full EV mode for short trips, but also need/want a vehicle for longer trips, without range anxiety.

Points

• Powertrain similar to Fusion Hybrid, except for larger capacity lithium-ion battery pack, which takes up half the trunk.
• Electric-only top speed is more than highway-capable at 137 km/h.
• Electric-only range with a fully charged battery is about 30 kilometres.

The Fusion Energi qualifies for several substantial provincial green car rebates.

Notable features

• Standard MyFord Mobile mobile app to remotely monitor charging status.

• Plug-in port features cool-blue light ring that pulses when charging.

• Top-shelf Titanium model features 10-way power driver and passenger seats, inflatable rear seat belts, and super classy 17-inch aluminum wheels.

Ford's plug-in hybrid bristles with tech

Review. Ford Fusion Energi works as a hybrid, EV, and as a totally usable and good-looking sedan

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Plug-in hybrids have yet to develop an identifiable personality and/or critical following. To most of us, they are little more than technical curiosity.

But they offer something neither a regular hybrid nor a full EV can deliver: You get to decide how much of the EV religion you want to partake of — plug in and turn on if you want to; plug out and turn off if you're not feeling it.

Truth be known, I wasn't exactly feeling it during the week of our test with the 2015 Ford Fusion Engergi (top-shelf Titanium trim level), because frigid February temperatures robbed about a third of the potential 30-kilometre range available in the Energi's lithium ion battery pack after a full night's charge.

And to get that charge, I had to run a very long electrical cord through the snow from a back-of-the-house outlet. To top it off, gas was cheap that week. Nonetheless, I plugged in and felt good about it.

It's entirely possible to drive the Energi normally so it will deplete its electrical charge before firing up its gas engine and retreating to normal hybrid mode. The Energi can go quite fast — 137 km/hr — in pure electric mode.

In a regular hybrid, you might get two to three kilometres of pure EV mode, so the gas engine kicks in before you've even figured out your radio selection. But the Energi gives you enough EV range for a total EV commute (if it's not too long), and for a real EV experience, that smooth, silent, and (virtually) carbon-free propulsion which feels like The Future.

It's other main party trick is that it also gives you everything the normal Fusion does, namely terrific looks, real five-passenger seating, and excellent ride dynamics, though you do feel the extra weight of that bigger battery, and overall power is not overwhelming.

Inside is a full complement of switches and information displays, and then some, to keep you abreast of charging, depletion, range, regenerative braking, etc. There is even a coaching function to help leverage EV modes. After a bit of initial tech shock, you start to explore the functions and see that it will still be possible to be the master of your domain, without resorting to screaming and/or manual consulting.

The only downsides appear to be cost, which can be partially overcome with provincial green car rebates, and a trunk dominated by the battery pack. Taking two other hockey pals to our pick-up game meant two hockey bags had to go in the back seat; the trunk only held one. On the way back, we mutually decided that hockey bags really need to go in the trunk.

Compare

1 Toyota Prius Plug-in
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2 Chevrolet Volt
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3 2016 Mitsubishi Outlander Plug-in
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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Sonata plug-in hybrid may allow many drivers to turn off the gas

Korean automaker Hyundai rolled out its 2016 Sonata Plug-in Hybrid at the recent auto show in Detroit, saying it will travel up to 35 kilometres on battery power alone before the four-cylinder gas engine comes into the picture. The company says many short-distance drivers, particularly those in urban areas, will be able to get through most days without having to engage the car's 154-horsepower engine. The lithium polymer battery pack gives it an all-electric range that is about twice that of the current Toyota Prius when driven in EV Mode. The vehicle will be built in South Korea and go on sale in select markets later this year. No price was announced.

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The 2016 Hyundai Sonata hybrid will travel 35 kilometres on electricity alone before the gas engine is required.

Bolt EV would embrace affordability

Knowledge gained by Chevrolet in producing its Volt and Spark electric vehicles has allowed General Motors to make "tremendous strides" in technologies that make it easier, and more affordable, for customers to buy into the all-electric movement. Enter the Bolt EV Concept, an electric compact designed to offer 320 kilometres of range and starting at about $37,000. It's designed "for attainability, not exclusivity," said GM CEO Mary Barra, who added that electrification "is a pillar for future transportation, and needs to be affordable for a wider segment of customers." Barra didn't say if GM will put the Bolt into production, but with a send-up like that, how could they not?

The Bolt is just a prototype, with GM studying its feasibility. The key selling points are a 320-km range and a price of about $37,000.

Shift points

- With steel and aluminum giving way to carbon composite materials that are lighter and stronger, scientists are looking at ways to build cars using cotton and other botanical fibres that can be formed into new types of hybrid composites.
- Hyundai showed its hydrogen-powered Intrado concept at the recent Montréal International Auto Show, for the first time in North America. Named for the underside of an airplane's wing that provides aerodynamic lift, it sports a carbon-fibre frame, lightweight parts and Hyundai's latest hydrogen fuel-cell powertrain.
- Utah-based Via Motors has passed U.S. environmental certification, allowing it to deliver its range-extended electric vans, pickups and sport-utility vehicles to fleet customers.

Wheelys 2 is a coffee shop on wheels

Sweden's Nordic Society for Invention and Discovery has developed the Wheelys 2 for budding entrepreneurs: an electric-assist tricycle that doubles as a mobile coffee shop. Unlike the non-electric Wheelys 1 refreshment-stand-on-wheels, this second model adds electric- and/or manually pumped running water, a liquid-crystal-display menu board that links to the operator's smartphone, a 20-litre water tank, a music speaker, a router for turning the tricycle into a Wi-Fi hot spot and an adjustable roof that lowers for riding, reports Gizmag. Its on-board battery provides power to the electric drive-assist motor, and solar panels help charge the battery when the mobile café is parked. The Nordic society is currently raising production funds for Wheelys 2 through Indiegogo.

Fuel efficiency rated as a top concern among new-car shoppers

Here's an encouraging sign that drivers are finally starting to worry about the environment. Despite gasoline prices being at a six-year low, fuel economy remains the most important criteria for shoppers when buying a new car. So concludes J.D. Power in its 2015 U.S. Avoider Study, in which the researcher polled 30,000 owners of new vehicles in April and May of 2014. It found that of all the factors those shoppers considered when buying their new car, 14 per cent cited fuel economy as their top concern, more than any other criteria on the list of questions asked.

BMW electric car sales are strong, and growing

After little more than a year in production, BMW's all-electric i3 city car has surpassed many industry sales projections. The company says it sold more than 16,000 i3s globally in 2014 (at a starting price in Canada of $45,000), along with 1,741 i8 electric sports cars (starting at $145,000). Both vehicles are built in the same flexible plant in Germany, which has recently shifted more of its production capacity to the i8, "to reduce customer waiting times to a better level."

Both the i8 electric sports car, below, and the i3 electric city car, right, are built at the same BMW plant in Germany.

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What test car is Garry bringing us this week? We literally have no clue what he's bringing us until it lands in our driveway, but who are we to doubt Garry Sowerby, who has a bazillion Guinness records for around-the-world driving? That's a bazillion more than we have, after all. Come along and find out as we drive 'em, dirty 'em and shoot 'em with our phone cams. These are real-life, no-glam reviews.

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Practical performance is its Forte

Special delivery. Kia's Forte5 is an intriguing combination of a semi-hot hatchback and a roomy, well-appointed family hauler

The $31,000 price tag for the Kia Forte5 SX includes such premium features as heated leather seats and steering wheel, HID headlights, backup camera and navigation. JEFF MELNYCHUK PHOTOS

It took me five days to realize that this car was turbocharged.

And it took the guy who works at the wine store to clue me in.

Granted, my pal Steven Bourque is the Google go-to when it comes to knowing the tiniest details about new cars. Kind of an automotive Rainman. Definitely.

But the fact my butt could not instinctively tell by driving the Forte5 SX, either, means that Kia has done a pretty good job of banishing/masking turbo lag once and for all, or that the car just doesn't have enough kick-in-the-pants power to make you realize there's a turbocharger (a power adder) in there at all.

The answer would seem to be a bit of both.

Steven says he knew it was a turbo model by the "flowery" wheels. Of course the "GDI-t" badge on the rear hatch is also a giveaway.

Doh!

Anyway, the 1.6-litre turbo engine makes 201 horsepower, which actually isn't a whole lot more than the non-turbo 2.0 found in the base Forte (the SX that Garry dropped off on my doorstep is the top trim).

That makes me wonder what the point of building a turbo engine is, if there isn't any perceptible boost to make me giggle.

It could be the six-speed automatic transmission dulling the sensation a bit, but paddle-shifting it in a sporty matter is actually quite fun.

I just wish it were all-wheel drive for this horror show of a winter I'm having, which might not be an unreasonable request given a tax-in price of about $31,000.

That price includes heated leather seats, high-intensity-discharge headlights, backup camera, heated steering wheel and navigation.

Flowery wheels and a rear badge help distinguish the turbo model.

The weak stereo is a letdown for a premium vehicle, and the creepy orange LCD lighting for the clock and climate controls is just plain wrong.

The 1.6-litre turbo engine makes 201 horsepower.

For a top model, though, the hollow-sounding audio system is a letdown.

And the creepy orange LCD lighting for the clock and the climate controls is just wrong, especially when compared to the subtle elegance of something like the Volkswagen GTI, which is the hot-hatch standard and is similarly priced to this Kia.

The VeeDub also doesn't rely on trendy carbon-fibre trim (fake or real) or bizarre shapes like the radiating vertical slashes in the Forte5's dashboard and door panels.

The GTI's engine has much more power, and the stereo is massively better, too.

Quoted

"The long hatchback is undeniably roomy and functional. It's like a scaled-down minivan — even if no one realizes it."

Being practical, though, is more the Forte's forte. The long hatchback is undeniably roomy and functional. It's like a scaled-down minivan — even if no one realizes it.

But the similarities became obvious when Garry arrived at the end of the week with a Kia Sedona minivan for my next test.

Garry moved all his travelling junk from one vehicle to the other without batting an eye or having to bend over all that much.

"Roomy, eh?" he notes.

And, suddenly, I get it. I didn't realize the Forte5 was turbocharged because I just wasn't expecting it out of a practical family hauler.

Sneaky.

High-lows

- **WOWS:** You can fit a lot of stuff in the Forte5. It has a smooth ride and drive, even with cold, low-profile tires on craggy winter roads. The car is well-appointed, which adds to its decent value.
- **HMMS:** Pretty smooth engine, but not as sporty as the badges let on. Consider it a premium engine, not a performance piece. There's a little too much going on inside, which detracts from the premium feel.

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Highline model shown

2015 Jetta 2.0L Trendline

Monthly lease starting from the equivalent of

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Versatile Liberty has a few minor quibbles

Second gear.
2008 to 2012
Jeep Liberty

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Packing surprising off-road capability, V6 power and a long list of available high-end features, this final generation for the Jeep Liberty connected with buyers looking for a vehicle that could tackle almost anything.

The five-seat 4x4 has a real transfer case with low-range gearing, hill-descent control, plenty of ground clearance, skidplates and removable, replaceable fender flares. Being Trail Rated means the Liberty meets a variety of off-road criteria, including water fording and hill climbing.

Common Issues

Start your test drive by making sure the Liberty hasn't been carelessly off-roaded or swamped in deep water or mud. Warning signs include sand or silt buildup in and around the bottom of the radiator, or excessive mud and dirt packed underneath the body.

Check the automatic transmission for signs of slippage or shudder at lower speeds, which could indicate a problem with the transmission, or the computer that controls it. If so, have it checked by a mechanic. Also look for signs of oil leakage around the rear of the oil pan and the rear differential. Watch for any "check engine" or "service 4WD" lights.

During your test drive, any clunking or popping sounds likely indicate a worn-out suspension component. And the four-wheel-drive system should switch easily between modes. Ensure proper operation of the power locks and windows. And some owners report problems with the air conditioner.

Finally, if the model you're considering has the panoramic cloth convertible roof, be sure the material shows no signs of tearing and that the roof can be opened and closed fully.

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What owners like

Capability, interior flexibility, up-level features, ride comfort and confidence were all rated highly. Visibility is also good, as is the upper-level stereo system.

What owners dislike

Many owners complain about road and tire noise at speed, a lack of room in the front footwells, and the long reach to the shift lever, which is mounted towards the passenger side of the centre console.

Engines

All models in this generation were powered by a 3.7-litre, 210-horsepower V6.

The verdict

Finding a reliable and enjoyable used Liberty should be easy with a little common sense. Shop patiently, seek out a model with all maintenance records and a thumbs-up from your mechanic, and you will find a capable and rugged driving companion.

Finland touts world's most powerful electric supercar

Drive. The Toroidon 1MW Concept is due to be unveiled at the 2015 Top Marques Monaco

Toroidon, a brand new manufacturer out of Finland, has announced an all-electric concept with 1000 kW — the equivalent of 1,341 horsepower.

The Toroidon 1MW Concept will be unveiled in a world premiere at Top Marques Monaco, the luxury car show set to take place from April 16 to 19.

Described as equally suited to the track and the open road, the Toroidon 1MW Concept was hand-assembled in Finland using artisanal techniques and high-tech materials.

In terms of pure power, according to the manufacturer's claims, the Toroidon 1MW Concept would rank between the Bugatti Veyron 16.4 Grand Sport Vitesse (1,200hp) and the Koenigsegg One:1 (1,400hp). Among all-electric vehicles, however, it is slated to be by far the most powerful ever made.

Top Marques Monaco will showcase around 60 supercars and customized vehicles, including the Evantra by Mazzanti and the Lamborghini Aventador by Hamann Motorsport. Clients will even have the option of testing these vehicles on a private section of a Formula 1 track before making their purchases.

The star of this 2015 edition is expected to be the AeroMobil 3.0, a car with the ability to transform into a two-seater plane.

The latest iteration of this exceptional Slovakian vehicle, which has top speeds of 160 km/h on land and 200 km/h in the air, will be unveiled to the public at the exclusive Monaco car show. AFP

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Demographics play into new car features

Driving Force. Ford tracks worldwide trends to build technology for universal needs

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Vehicle companies are often racing to keep up with ever-changing trends in technology. CONTRIBUTED

What does it take to build a car that people want to buy? Along with the mechanical components, automakers also look at non-automotive things, including how different generations react to such diverse items as food, phones, and health care.

Ford recently released its third annual report on trends, which it uses to try to understand the needs of different buyers, including the emerging Generation Z.

"It's really a discussion starter and a primer for brainstorming," says Sheryl Connelly, Ford's global trends and futuring manager. "I'm often asked if you can draw a direct line from a trend to a new feature, but it's not always that linear. You can use this many ways, and it could lead to new ideas, but more commonly it becomes part of the business case of why something should be added to a car."

A major issue with vehicles is that they can take three years or more from concept to marketplace, while consumer trends and preferences can change dramatically in that time. "We try to imagine the future that has yet to be imagined by anyone else, and that's where we use tools like tracking global trends to understand how things could change," Connelly says. "I'll try to identify a trend and determine if it has staying power."

It's especially difficult to build and market a car that appeals to multiple generations. Baby boomers saw a car as their gateway to adulthood, Connelly says, while for millennials, cellphones give them freedom and access. In addition to its own work, Ford is reaching out to external collaborators to come up with new apps for vehicle infotainment systems, including a one that sends a text to everyone in the driver's social circle asking them not to send any messages until they receive confirmation that the driver is at his or her destination.

Carmakers don't just look at the market where they're designing and building a car, but rather at society worldwide to see what the future may hold.

They also have to consider an aging population: Every seven seconds in North America, someone turns 65. "You think about how reduced response time, impaired vision and limited range of motion could affect how we engineer the vehicles," Connelly says.

"But while we might have been inspired for these by aging drivers, we would never market it that way. We use universal design so it appeals to all drivers of all ages and physical conditions."

History of innovation

- In 2007, Ford was the first automaker to participate in the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.
- Before a feature is added, it has to prove its worth to consumers and remain within the vehicle's development budget.
- Planners look at social, technological, economic, environmental and political trends, known as STEEP.

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A bespoke collection driven by delicate silk

Hot wheels. Rolls-Royce to bring new Serenity to Geneva motor show

Rolls-Royce has released this interior sktech ahead of the car's offical Geneva reveal. ROLLS-ROYCE / AFP

Rolls-Royce is a company that knows a thing or two about luxury and elegance, and for the latest bespoke creation, gracing its stand at the Geneva International Motor Show, it's promising to set a new standard in both.

Each of the company's bespoke collections takes its inspiration from a different source. In 2014, these sources were as varied as world water speed record breaker Donald Campbell and the dominant architectural themes permeating the world's most cosmopolitan cites.

However, for its latest creation, Serenity, Rolls-Royce has chosen to celebrate silk — its delicacy, its symbolism (wealth, power, royalty) — and of course, the difficulties presented to even the best craftspeople when trying to create with the material.

The show car's interior promises to be a modern interpretation of the opulent cabins of classic Rolls-Royces specified by kings, queens and emperors, and will combine complex Japanese traditional silk embroidery techniques with a number of contemporary features.

As well as a new bespoke model, which the company claims will set a "new benchmark in super-luxury motor cars," Geneva is also expected to be the venue where Rolls-Royce takes the wraps off its next production car, which is expected to be a convertible version of its Wraith luxury GT coupé. AFP

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"Show 'em what you got" is poor English.

But it's a decent way to describe the approach automakers must take during auto-show season, which we're in the thick of right at the moment.

The Detroit and Montreal shows kicked off the 2015 season in mid-January, and the doors are now open for the vehicular spectacle in Toronto.

At Detroit, Chevrolet showed us it "got" electric car goodies.

It trotted out both the second-generation and all-new Chevrolet Volt, and the newly conceived Bolt.

Unlike Volt, Bolt doesn't have a gasoline engine to constantly recharge its electric motor. The Bolt is a pure EV (electric vehicle).

Both vehicles are front and centre at GM's stand in Toronto, and their timing is as much a talking point as their respective technologies, arriving as they are in the midst of the lowest gas price stretch we've had since 2010-ish.

The new 2016 Volt officially goes on sale some time in the latter half of this year.

The Bolt hasn't even been given the green light for production — though everyone is expecting GM to do so at the Chicago show.

For EV enthusiasts

- The latest electric cars are on display at the Canadian International Auto Show through Feb. 22 in Toronto

Big and nasty gas prices could have given both these nameplates a shot of marketing and awareness adrenalin.

But now they just wade into another swampish period where we wonder whether EVs are going to fly long-term or not.

Why pay extra for an EV and/or plug-in hybrid, when you might have even more trouble getting your investment back using electricity, the cheaper fuel?

And why should automakers keep plowing development money into EV programs when mainstream consumers are not ready to make the switch?

Well, according to Elon Musk of Tesla fame, we should be figuring out other ways to get consumers to switch over, because current oil prices are not, in his words, "an adequate forcing function."

We need to make the switch, he opines, because EVs are the better way, and the cleaner way, and the way that will inevitably be the winning way, so why not make it happen now?

He is certainly trying. Musk recently opened up his patents to other automakers, and offered to let non-Tesla EVs use his planned private network of charging stations.

For his part, Carlos Ghosn, the top executive at both Nissan and Renault, and the auto industry's other big EV advocate, feels that EVs are the only way to achieve strict and necessary emission mandates, and warns that gas prices have the propensity to rise and fluctuate over time.

It's interesting that both these competitors are calling on their industry counterparts to build more EVs, so both infrastructure developments and EV acceptance can happen faster.

While GM's pending introduction of the Bolt might be a direct competitor to Tesla's smaller and upcoming Model 3, Musk didn't see it all as a threat.

In fact, he called it "progress."

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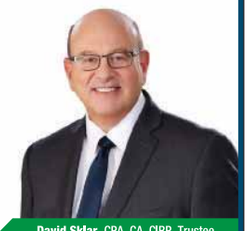
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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There's an air of mystery about you right now, and others are having a hard time working out what you are up to. Chances are you're not up to much, but it amuses you to have them think otherwise.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Focus on your dreams and wishes and don't worry if they seem a bit far-fetched. Today's new moon makes all things possible, so aim high.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The sun's move into the career area of your chart today means you can win friends and influence people, if you make the effort.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Should you stay quiet on an issue you have strong opinions about, just to keep things calm? No, you should not. Speak up and let the world know what you believe.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If your sixth sense tells you that someone is not to be trusted you must not ignore it. Err on the side of caution.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
As the sun moves into the relationship area of your chart today you will need to start working more closely with certain individuals. In the long term it will be worth it.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Try not to push yourself quite so hard over the next few days. You can save a lot of time and energy by learning from other people's mistakes.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The sun moves into the most dynamic area of your solar chart today, marking the start of a much more upbeat phase in just about every area.

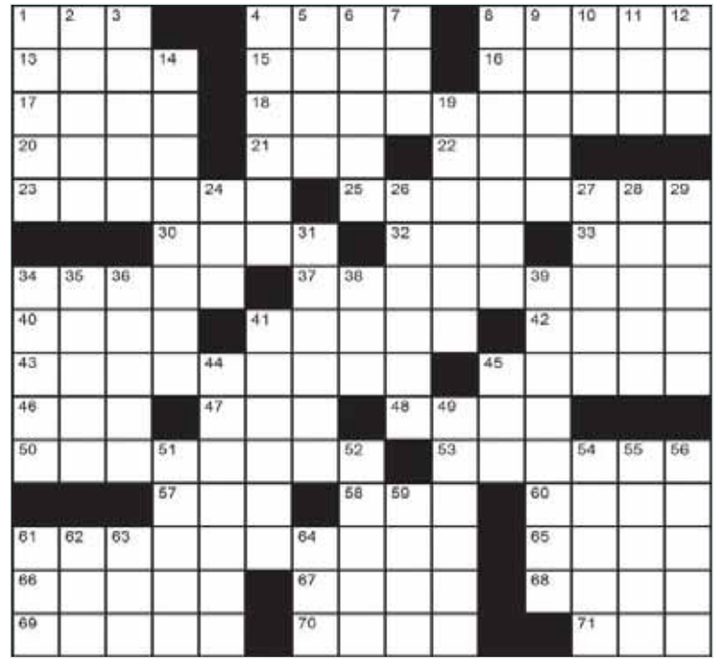
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The cosmic changes now taking place will help you get to grips with issues that have been causing you grief. Time to move on.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Aim to be on the move today because it is the people you meet along the way who will make things happen for you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It will pay you to be friendly to everyone you meet today, even those who have not always been friendly to you in the past. Your most pressing concern now is to make some extra money.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a hugely important day for you. Not only is there a new moon, but the sun's move into your sign means a new start is possible. How and where in your life would you like to wipe the slate clean?

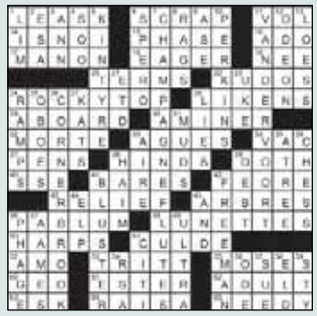
Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. English horn, __ anglais
4. Land measure, e.g.
8. Mr. Nicholson's
13. With: French
15. Old Testament twin
16. Mixtures
17. Biblical peak
18. Quebec municipality on Lac-Saint-Pierre
20. Mr. Hershiser
21. Pup's bark
22. Palm's place, puny-ly
23. I __ __ Pieces
25. Crystal __, Juno-winning country singer
30. Cut _ __ (Dance)
32. One: Spanish
33. Poet's "atop"
34. Glad
37. Online shopper's selecting-stuff button: 3 wds.
40. Regrettably
41. Self-respect
42. Mr. Carrey's
43. Governor General of Canada spouse's title, __ Consort
45. Salon product
46. Fair-hiring letters
47. Hole-punching tool
48. British singer Ms. Henderson
50. Hall of Fame's new member
53. New __ (Big Apple denizen)
57. Feminine pronoun
58. Basic learning, informally
60. Bout ender, informally
61. King found in that parking lot in England in 2012: name + Roman Numeral
65. Poet Mr. Pound
66. Grande __, Quebec City's popular street
67. Australian band
68. Transportation mode
69. Bagpipes sound
70. Teas: French
71. Uncle on Family Ties

Down
1. __ __ soup (Pantry item)
2. Turn ___ new leaf
3. Ms. Wilson
4. Bachman-Turner Overdrive song: 2 wds.
5. Mr. Morales
6. Bivouacs
7. Q. "Is '__' _ French pronoun?" A. "Oui."
8. Face/Off (1997) director: 2 wds.
9. Saskatchewan village
10. U.S. President, to the mil.
11. __-i-Noor Diamond
12. Compass dir.
14. Slump
19. Singer/actress Ms. Moore
24. Attempt
26. Football formation
27. What stuffy rooms have in them: 2 wds.
28. Skin layer
29. Skilled at crafts
31. Swish mouthwash
34. __ _ Told You Lately
35. In the Skin of _ __ (Novel by Canadian author Michael Ondaatje)
36. Walked nervously
38. Day: Spanish
39. _._. __ (Pamela Anderson's Baywatch role)
41. It looks like matte silver
44. Celebrity cook Ms. Ray
45. __-mo replay
49. Music and __ (2007)
51. Movies attendant
52. Actor, __ von Stroheim
54. Canadian Heritage River in Nunavut
55. High nest (var. sp.)
56. Willy Wonka creator Mr. Dahl
59. Travel by horse
61. Univ. dorm supervisors
62. Variety
63. Gladiator's 151
64. Info, for short

Yesterday's Crossword



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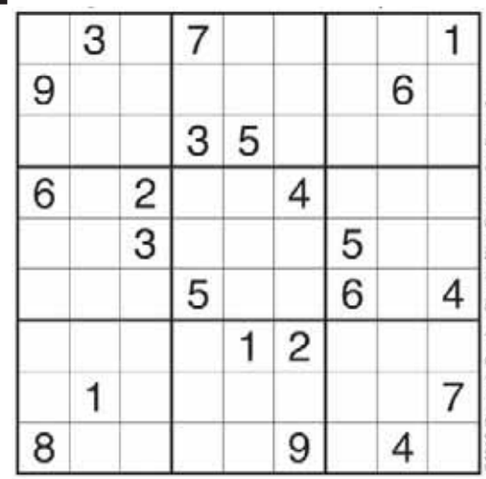

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7	1	3	8	4	5	2	9	6
8	5	2	6	9	7	3	4	1
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